

REMARKS

Claim 12 has been canceled. Claims 1, 5, 13, 22, and 23 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-11 and 13-23 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 and 13-23 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Campbell and claims 6-11 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campbell in view of Lahti.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claims 1, 22, and 23, Campbell teaches performing virus detection at a network switch, Campbell at [0026]-[0027], not “at a destination host to which the first packet is addressed,” as recited in claims 1, 22, and 23. In addition, as taught by Campbell the source of an attack is determined based on the physical port on which packets are received, Campbell at [0025], not based on “a sender information” copied from a received “first packet,” as recited in claims 1, 22, and 23. Therefore, claims 1, 22, and 23 are believed to be allowable.

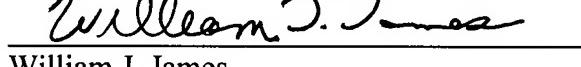
Claims 2-11 and 13-21 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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